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SUBJECT: INDO-TURKISH TALKS: ANOTHER
GUEST FOR THE NON-ALIGNED?

1. REPORTS THAT TURKEY IS SEEKING GUEST STATUS AT THE BEL-
GRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING DOMINATED PRESS COVERAGE OF THE
FIRST DAY OF FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN'S VISIT TO INDIA. OKCUN,
WHO ARRIVED JULY 10 ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT, MET YESTERDAY WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE ALONE FOR A HALF HOUR. THE TWO
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SIDES THEN HAD A TWO-HOUR SESSION. OKCUN ALSO CALLED ON THE
GOI'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES MINISTERS. ALTHOUGH CITING NO
SOURCES, THE NEW DELHI NEWSPAPERS UNIFORMLY REPORTED THAT
INDIA HAS ASSURED TURKEY OF A SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF
ITS REQUESTS. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, WHICH ALL APPEAR TO BE
VARIATIONS OF AN INDIAN WIRE SERVICE REPORT, STRESS THAT OB-
SERVABLE SHIFTS IN TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY AWAY FROM BLOC

POLITICS IS BRINGING IT CLOSER TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THEY ALSO FOUND SIGNIFICANCE IN COINCIDENCE THAT TWO CENTO MEMBERS, PAKISTAN AND TURKEY, ARE SEEKING SOME KIND OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE NAM. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS SHIFT, THE REPORTS NOTE OKCUN'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO MOSCOW, TURKEY'S IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA, AND OKCUN'S EMPHASIS IN HIS REMARKS IN DELHI ON TURKEY'S STATUS AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND INTEREST IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND CHANGES IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. ON REGIONAL ISSUES, OKCUN IS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT UNSTABLE CONDITIONS IN PAKISTAN WITH WHOM TURKEY HAS FRIENDLY TIES.

2. AS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, OKCUN REPORTEDLY SAID IN A BANQUET SPEECH THAT TURKEY "CLOSELY OBSERVES INDIA'S ROLE AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT IS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PROGRESS OF ALL HUMANITY." HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION "TO CREATE AND SPREAD A CIRCLE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION AROUND TURKEY" WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE DESIRE TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH INDIA. OKCUN ALSO SAID THAT TURKEY WAS IN SEARCH OF A NEW WORLD ORDER THAT WOULD LEAD TO A MORE EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS. HE CALLED FOR A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIZONAL, BICOMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED FEDERAL STATE. IN HIS REMARKS FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE REVIEWED INDIA'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND SAID THAT "IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO GROW STRONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ATTRACT EVER NEW ADHERENTS."
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